## Thanksgiving 1912.

#### By the Churchman.

There is no mint to which the grateful heart may go for coin with which to pay the Giver of All Good; it can but gather from the garden of its gratitude a garland of true praise, knowing that with sincere thanks-With this idea in mind thousands of Washingtonians will gather in the churches next Thursday morning to give thanks for the mercies vouchsafed to

They will remember, too, that the observation of a day of thanksgiving is an American institution, born in New England in colonial days. Then the Puritan pioneer, his harvests gathered and his work done, set one day aside in which to give thanks to his God for life spared, sustenance pro-

vided and grace given during the year. As the stream of manhood, culture and piety flowed out from New England to claim the west it bore upon it this honored festival, until its observance gradually became nation-wide, and in 1863 Mr. L'ncoln set aside a day, by proclamation, calling upon all the people to return thanks.

November is a somber month. It ushers in winter's first blast. Its trees are leafless. Its frosts have pinched to death every flower. Its barns are filled

with harvests. It is an appropriate season for thanksgiving. It is when gratitude wells up within the heart that lips break forth in praise! Man, conscious of his incompetency, faces the year with dread, and when at last that year has rolled away, and he, safe anchored in the harbor of content, looks back across seas by which he sailed what can man do but lift his heart in pra'se to Him whose love has tempered every gale, whose voice has whispered comfort through every baffing calm?

The sudden coming of some benefit, the enjoyment of some unexpected privilege, call forth a burst of praise; but how few are grateful for those prosaic gifts—food and raiment and the right to worship and to work, or for those blessings without which nothing else would be worth while, the right use of our minds and bodies? Thanksgiving is at once the language of true gratitude and the evidence that we were worthy of the gift.

Grat tude makes the scanty meal to be a feast. Thankfuiness returns to liberality its richest reward. It ever asks the question of the psalmist, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" And as the flame of gratitude blazes up on the altar of the heart, love turns to longing that some return be made, and gratitude finds expression in a closer walk with the Creator.

We of Washington may not count the steps by which we came, nor see the path by which we must go, but to him who thankfully receives each blessing in this A.D. 1912, and, glad of the opportunity to serve, makes each day and duty a stepp ng-stone to better days and nobler serving, there will be given that richest of enjoyments, true gratitude



Deo gratias, "Thanks be to God." These

were engaged in fighting a duel. He

rushed between them, grasped their swords and held them firmly, crying,

"Say Deo gratias, my brethren; say Deo

Turned aside from their intention they

reconciled them and they parted friends.

He came at length to be called Brother

Deo Gratias. The children would surround

He would reply with great pleasure,

'My dear children, Deo gratias! God

Deo gra'ias were inscribed on our hearts

and the words "Thanks be to God" ever

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Coin of the Heart.

The grateful heart pays thanks for the

mercies and blessings received. It is a

greater name than Caesar's.

coin that can be used to pay obligations

An Irish soldier .n the war between the

of the Christian commission told him that

the hearty thanks and "God bless you!"

of the relieved was pay enough for him.

The grateful soldier replied: "Shure an'

The riches it gives is of a kind that

"neither moth nor rust doth corrupt nor

And for all the joy of fragrant flowers

For beauty in this world of ours.

For verdant grass and lovely flowers, For song of birds, for hum of bees,

For the great ocean's mighty flood-

For the returning morning's light, For the bright sun that shines on high, For the stars glittering in the sky;

For everything give thanks.

daily experience.

concerning him.

of Mordecai.

king's gate.'

For these and everything we see, O Lord! our hearts we lift to Thee-

For the refreshing summer breeze, For hill and plain, for streams and wood,

In everything give than:s. For the sweet sleep which comes at night,

Yet notwithstanding the boundless

mercy and benefit lavished by natu

and grace many are ungrateful and give

no thought to the duty of thinksgiving

and praise. If they lack but one thing

they murmur and complain about it, and

forget the thousands of blessings in their

given the tragic story of his life, which

those who are discontented and un-

"And al the king's servants, that were

in the king's gate, bowed and reverenced

Haman, for the king had so commanded

When Haman saw this he was full of

For a time the purpose of Haman

prepared but myself: and tomorrow am

I invited unto her also with the king. Yet

how or do him reverence, and because of

seemed to greatly prosper. He was not

"But Mordecal bowed not, nor did him

There are a great many Hamans in

to the world.

"Now your battle is done," said the

gratias, each of you.

Deo Gratias.

bless you all.'

repeated the mighty words.

TOPIC: The Christian Virtues. XII. Gratitude. Ps., 147:1-20.

#### Thinkful.

"He that has nature in him must Tis the Creator's primary great law, Joining the greater to the lesser nature, Tying the weak and strong, the poor and Subduing men to brutes, and even brutes

HE English word thankful is allied fell reverently from our lips. from its Anglo-Saxon derivation to thinkful. If we are not thoughtful or mindful of a benefit or blessing received |



thankful. of which no amount of the coin of the realm result of medita- bears the image and superscription of a transient feeling or abiding state or quality of the mind

signed to teach by 'av that's the pay ye take, why thin God the various feasts instituted in the old bless ye! Ye'll be rich of the coin uv Jewish economy. The feasts of Weeks, we heart all yere days." of Tabernacles, of Peace offerings, of Drink offerings and others, all had this thieves break through and steal.' meaning-a passing or transient thought

goodness. When God gave to Jacob the and Isaac, it is recorded that "Jacob set with Him, even a pillar of stone; and he and singing birds, rippling streams and poured a drink offering thereon, and he balmy breezes, and for al. the sweetness poured oil thereon; and called the name and beauty of sun moon and stars in of the place where God spake with him,

When God caused His people under the leadership of Joshua to pass safely over Jordan, twelve stones were taken from the midst of the river and a memorial was erected at Gilgal. It was to be a sign that when their children asked of their fathers in time to come, "What mean ye by these stones?" the answer would be "That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of

When the hosts of the Philistines were smitten and subdued by divine interposition, we are told that "Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped

was the memorial of the the world. In the book of Esther is golden pot of manna. In gratitude to God for feeding Israel for forty years in stands out as a prominent warning to the Wilderness, an omer of manna was placed in a pot and laid up before the thankful in the midst of abounding pros-Testimony to be kept for a token of God's perity. goodness to all coming generations. In these examples, and many others that might be given, we have illustration that the goodness of God is to be kept in perpetual remembrance by such memorals in our hearts of His love as will prompt continual service of thanksgiving

### Deo Gratias.

The cultivation of a thankful spirit is a duty of highest importance. There is no higher Christian virtue than that of one most loved and honored, as the un- and his wife, and "to'd them of the grateful heart is most despised and hated. glory of his riches, and the mu titude Shakespeare said:

I hate ingratitude more in a man Than lying, vainless, babbling drunkenness. Or any taint of vice whose strong corruption Inhabits our frail blood. And Brooke said:

If there be a crime Of deeper die than all the guilty train And Thomson expressed the thought

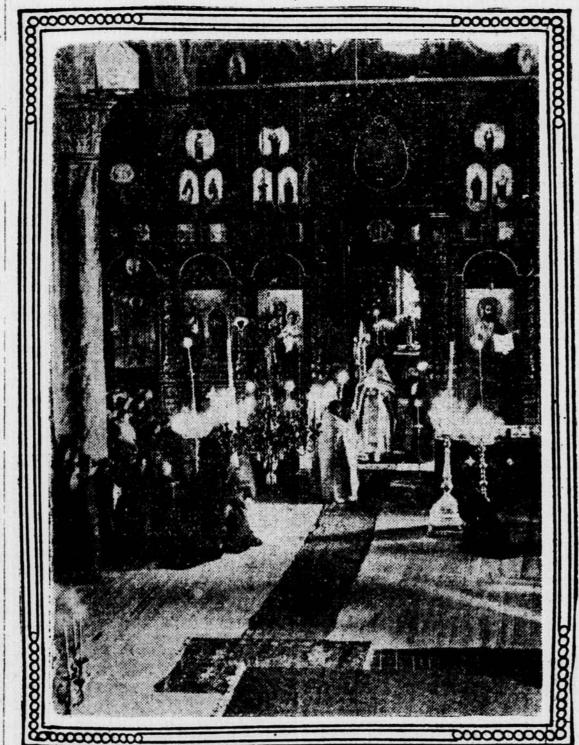
If the ingratitude of man to man is so pitude of a creature's ingratitude to his Creator? Treason to God is a greater that "all the g'ory of his riches and the crime than treason to mankind. When multitude of his children" and the earth, and such as are in the sea, the earth and such as are in the sea, eral persons will be baptized at the bewe enjoy the boundless and unmerited alted honors of his station availed him and all that are in them, heard I saying, benefits God showers upon us, and make nothing. no return in thankfulness and praise, we In the end he was hanged upon the be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne are exhibiting human depravity in its darkest form. Every dictate not only of for Mordecai to be hanged on, and all Let us sing the songs of praise an revelation, but of reason, should impel us because one little annoyance outweighed thanksgiving here on earth, that our Springs, Miss., has recently become asto praise and thank God at all times.

The example recorded of St. Felix of Cantalice should inspire us to cultivate a line danger of thinking too line and the multitude of the multitude of the multitude of the multitude of the single and the possessed.

We are all in danger of thinking too anthem of "Blessing and honor and the possessed and the possessed the little annoyance outweighed thanksgiving here on earth, that our thanksgiving here on earth, thankful spirit. When he was employed much of our miseries and too little of in soliciting food and money for the poor our mercies. God's call is to a cheerful and anything was given, he always said service of thanksgiving and praise. The forever and ever."

Solemn high mass will be celebrated in deliver the addresses. The is expected that the attendances, which heaven, speaking about His expected that the attendances are ever transfigured in the atten and anything was given, he always said service of thanksgiving and praise. The forever and ever."

# Bulgar King Attends Impressive Ceremony



GENERAL VIEW OF THE SERVICE WITHE: THE CHRISTIAN (RUS-SIAN ORTHODOX) CHURCH AT SOFIA.

Great have been the rejoicings in Bui- silver miter and vestments of cloth o

garia over the victories against the gold. Turks. King Ferdinand, with the two "To celebrate the first distinctive victory population, attended on October 25 a was held in the cathedral here this morn Cathedral for the capture of Kirk Kilisse in field kit with gray overcoats marched him crying "Deo Gratias, Brother Fel.x, and the other victories of the Bulgarian of bonor at the principal entrance to the of the cathedral by the metropolitan in present and all the foreign attaches."

Of the service a correspondent says princes, their staffs and most of the civil of the Bulgarian arms a great Te Deum thanksgiving service at the Stara Zagora ing. A full company of the royal guards through the streets and formed a guard arms. They were received at the door cathedral. The headquarters staff was

# Pastor and People

### Musical Service

states could not understand how men should do the hard service of the hospital and battlefield without pay. A member morrow evening will be in suggestive har- the Hamline Quartet. The sermon will morrow evening will be in suggested. It be preached by Rev. L. Morgan Cham-mony with the Thanksgiving season. It bers, pastor of McKendree Church. Bewill be a study of Lester's new and beau- cause of the uniting of the congregations tiful harvest cantata, "Seed Time and in the observance of the day it is ex-

exhortation to rejoice is as imperative The coin of thanks passes current for as it is to obey. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all so many things. For health, home, friends In the Old Testament we have many and all kindly thoughts, words and deeds For all that God in mercy sends: For health and children, home and friends; For comfort in the time of need; For every kindly word and deed;

> generations. importunate in their appeal that all should both feel and express thanksgivmons will be fully answered by all the morning service. in abitants of the earth making a joyful noise unto God.

### Heaven's Thanksgiving.

We have appointed days for general holy rejoicing for all the national and Church beginning Monday evening and giving service of the Baptists of Washindividual blessings bestowed upon us. Those who have a thankful spirit every Washington will preach as follows: Rev. day can all the better join in the J. H. Dunham of Western Presbyterian services of the national Thanksgiving Church, Monday night; Dr. MacLeod of

"Praise is comely."

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." In the vision of St. John (Rev., 5:8-14) man for Wednesday evening will the other princes of Ahasueru's kingdom. we have an account of a wonderful chosen later. thanksgiving occasion. It is the one to which all other thanksgiving days

It is the thanksgiving over the transcendent merit and worthiness of Christ ice at Mount Tabor M. P. Church, 35th deliver an illustrated lecture on "The but also the airy fabric of the supers rucin being able to take and open the and Wisconsin avenue, tomorrow. He Land of the Rising Sun. wrath, but "he thought scorn to lay book of God's eternal counsels. The will tell of missionary progress in his hands on Mordecai alone," and sought to dest oy all the Jews that were through- apostle describes the unbounded joy secutions experienced as a Christian there. out the whole kingdom, even the people and thanksgiving that filled heaven A special musical program will be ren

They sang a new song. A song of gratitude-no nobler life than that which only honored by the king, but was speis free from every sign or semblance of cial'y invited by the queen to a banquet part sung by the church, another by the ingratitude The grateful heart is the so elated that he called for his friends and another by every creature. "Thou art worthy to take the book Y. M. C. A. tomorrow.

of his children and all the things where- and to open the seals thereof; for Thou in the king had promoted him, and how wast slain, and hast redeemed us unto the king into the banquet that she had earth. "And I teheld and heard the voice of

many angels \* \* \* and the number all this availeth me nothing, so long as of them was ten thousand times ten see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the thousands and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Wortny is On the one hand he had great riches, the Lamb that was slain to receive wife, children, the highest honors of power and riches and wisdom and state: on the other he was short of one strength and honor and glory and bow. Mordecai the Jew alone did not blessing. "And every creature which is in

Lessing and honor and glory and power Let us sing the songs of praise and

Hamline, McKendree, North Capitol Grace and Lincoln Avenue Methodist Episcopal churches will hold a union Thanksgiving service Thursday morning tation by the choir of New York oth and P streets northwest. Special mu-Avenue Presbyterian Church to- sic will be furnished for the occasion by pected that the service will be attended by a large congregation.

Rev. Dr. Wood will preach in the Church of the Covenant tomorrow mornye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, ing at 11 o'clock. The double quartet come before His presence with singing. will sing at the 3:30 o'clock musical serv-Enter into His gates with thanksgiving ice, and the service will include: Anthem and into His courts with praise; be "Praise the Lord" (Maunde.); "Festival thankful unto Him and bless His name, Te Deum" (Dudley Buck); anthem, "Thou for the Lord is good; His mercy is ever- Crownest the Year" (Burdett). The sub-'asting, and His truth endureth to all ject of the pastor's sermon will be "Life as a P.easure, a Disappointment and a devotion and

Privilege. under the direction of Mr. Wright, will ing and I raise. They should come with furnish the music for the 8 o'clock servgreat force to the hearts of all of God's ice. The Thanksgiving day service will be greetings from the folk at home to his believing children now, and when the held at 11 a.m. Dr. Wood will preach on two stalwart brothers, warriors in the time comes in which all nations shall "Prosperity and Its Shadow." The Thurs-"know and serve the Lord" the sum- day evening service will be merged in the

### Revival

S PECIAL evangelistic meetings will be held in the Riverdale Presbyterian continuing all the week. Ministers from ington in Calvary Baptist Church Thurs-First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday night. Thursday, Rev. L. M. Chambers of Mc-Kend. ee Methodist Church; Dr. Wood of It is comely in the individual, it is the Church of the Covenant, Friday night. There will be a Thanksgiving praise and

Rev. Sigmon Rhee, a Persian Christian, native country, and of hardships and per-

"The Finest of All Arts-the Art of Keeping Well," is the subject of the address to be given by Dr. Charles E. Barker, physical adviser for President Taft, subject Rev. E. Hez Swem will discuss at the Sunday afternoon assembly of the in Centennial Baptist Church tomorrow

Rev. Dr. James Shera Montgomery will he had advanced him above the princes God by Thy blood out of every kind.eu, speak in the Metropolitan Memorial and servants of the king." Haman sa'd. moreover: "Yea, Esther And hast made us into our God, kings the subject "The Writing on the Wali," the queen did let no man come in with and priests; and we shall reign on the and in the evening "The Burden of the

> A Thanksgiving service will be held The first theme will be "Why Do We Extomorrow evening in the Fifth Baptist ist?" Tomorrow morning the theme of Church, when the Andrew Jackson Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics will attend in a body and a reception in honor of the members occupy reserved seats. All fraternal patriotic order members are specially in-vited. Pastor John E. Briggs will preach pastor will preach the annual Thanksthe sermon. There will be decorations ginning of the service.

Rev. Dr. William M. Pettis, formerly president of St. Thomas' College of Holy

# Churchmen in Conflict.



GREEK PRIESTS UNDER ARMS

in this our day.

### Guarding a Balkan pass. The monastery is perched on the height at the left

# Epworth League

REV. SAMUEL W. GRAFFLIN.

"Enriching others through self-giving; the unseen architect." John, 15:1-18. I Sam., 20:1-16.

ELFISHNESS is the source grows rich for men only as they lay self aside and through self-giving



justice form the ing fruitfulness. From these two lessons background for a of enriching and unselfish love we draw picture of unselfish these thoughts:

shepherd David came-came to bring sight which smote his eyes was also one that roused his righteous ire, and in

mon of the occasion will be preached by

Rev. Benjamin D. Gaw, pastor of the West Washington Baptist Church, will preach the sermon at the union Thanksday morning.

### Anniversary

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song service Sunday night, November 24, at 7:45, assisted by orchestra and the fourteenth year of Dr. Donald III. THE SECRET OF UNSELFISHspecial music by the choir. The clergy- C. MacLeod's pastorate at the First resbyterian Church. During these years the church has enjoyed marked growth granite piers on which the Brooklyn and prosperity. In the morning an an- bridge was soon to rest few knew that graduate of Harvard University, and niversary sermon will be preached. The far away, shut in an upper room, spyconnected with the Y. M. C. A., will make choir will render a special musical pro- glass in hand, lay that rare engineer

> "Personal Praise" is to be the subject of Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, tomorrow morning. In the evening the pastor's subject will be 'What's Worth While.'

> "How Many Will Be Saved?" is the evening. His morning subject will be 'A Star Christian." Three choirs have been organized at the church, one for boys, another for girls and one of adults.

In Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church tomorrow evening the pastor, Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon, will begin a series of sermons on the topic "Stirring Questions." his discourse will be "The Christian for Today." Tuesday evening there will be who have joined the church since the giving sermon Thursday at 11 a.m.

St. Andrew, held Thursday, a decision at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. He will death for every man. was reached to immediately commence a campaign in St. Stephen's Episcopal parish to increase the attendance at the Sunday evening services. During Advent these services will be held under the address the new congregation each Sunday evening of the broad, and invited and auspices of the broad, and invited and attendance at the sundance of notable lecturers and of Moses, who disappeared from sight on of coming glory, so He will fill us with the top of Pisgah, and the place of whose the presence and power of the Holy Spirit address the new congregation each Sundance of the broad, and invited day afternoon during the winter, and it Elijah, who went up in a whirlwind to our vision of the coming glory. If we

At the regular monthly meeting of St.

hot anger at the sight he saw he asked scene of the transfiguration. Six days, of those at hand a question which must take rank, in this age of unfaith as in that, as the great question of the times. He saw Goliath stand forth and defy the arms of Israel ,and he cried: "Who is this \* \* \* Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" Well may the church of Jesus Christ make that same inquiry concerning blatant sin

> He slew the giant and brought back his sword and head, and as he bore these trophies from the field two things occurred which left their impress on his after life and in their final issue tinged all that life with keen regret. The first of these was that insane suspicion of himself roused in the king by singing women who came out to welcome home the conquering hosts of Israel. The second was the birth of an affection for Jonathan, Saul's son-an affection destined to be fraught with bitterness for both. One lost his life, his lover and his crown; the other lost what men can ill afford to lose, the one great friendship of his life.

of his succession, the other, whose it was to be because God willed it shoud be so. They knew all this, but knew no jealousy. Unselfish love finds its high-water mark where kings care not for crowns, but only for the welfare of their friends. The other story is Jesus' definition of His own relationship to fruitful living profane. Insane jeal- on the part of those who draw their life those who have for Him a great, abiding love He gives a part of His own sustain-

manly affection seldom I. THE ONLY GIVING THAT WORTH WHILE. Nowhere outside of Holy Writ is th great truth concerning the nature of true

giving more clearly stated than in those lines by Lowell where the Christ says: For the gift without the giver is bare; Who gives himself with his a'ms feeds three, Himself, his hungering neighbor and Me

II. FRUITFUL DISCIPLES Jesus said: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." What a unique experience of our Lord, that is wonderful old picture is this that the without a parallel in the annals of men. Master has given, of the secret and sequence of abiding in Him. We are "tne branches," and the wonderful thing about a "branch" is that, while all the life sap youd out power definitely to comprehend. flows through it, it is not selfishly retained, but is sent on to make the "fruit." When we, as followers of the lowly Nazarene, grasp the fullness of what He meant when He said 'Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit"; when we realize that, not in the endless reaches of space, nor in the timeless mystery of eternity, nor yet in heavens sown with countless worlds, is their Creator glorified, but rather in the fruit we bear,

When from the depths of the East river | confirmation and conviction. ture was soon to rise. They did not see that he was there. Back of the noble structure of each great, unselfish life

a thorough canvass of the parish during four Sunday evening services in Advent.

AND FRUITFULNESS.

### "The New Life"

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CAN God save the people?

Is the new life a higher life? These are two questions which Evan-Stephen's Chapter of the Brotherhood of (non-sectarian) in New Masonic Temple speak on "The New Life."

"He was crowned with glory and honor follow Him, for just as the Master was for the suffering of death." The presence strengthened for the valley by the vision speak on "The New Life."

# Episcopal Institute to Be Held December 3 to 6

#### Bishops of Washington and Maryland to Participate.

N institute for the woman's auxiliary to the board of Episcopal missions is to be held in the Church of the Ascension from December

The meeting will be brought to a close with a festival service on the last named date, with the Rt. Rev. John Gardner Murray, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Maryland. Other speakers during the institute will be Rev. Dr. J. Henning Nelms and Rev. Dr. G. C. F. Bratenahl. The class for women of the auxiliary will be addressed during the meetings by Miss Hubbard of the diocese of Pennsylvania, and Miss Troxell of the diocese of Bethlehem on "Japan Advancing-Whither?"

"The Honorable Little Miss Love" will be the subject Miss Holmes of the diocese of Newark will take for an address to the class for junior leaders. "The Junior Book" will also be discussed to this class by Miss Pitts of the diocese of Maryland. The program follows:

December 3, Tuesday-9:30 a.m., holy communion, Rev. J. Henning Nelms; 10:15 a.m., enrollment of members and assignment of classes; 10:45 a.m., organization meeting of study classes; 12 m., prayers for mission, the Bishop of December 5, Thursday-2:30 p.m., con-Washington; 12:30 p.m., luncheon; 2 p.m., the monthly diocesan meeting of the woman's auxiliary in St. John's Parish Hubbard; 3:30 p.m., fourth session of Hall, 16th and H streets; 3:30 p.m., sec- study classes. December 4, Wednesday-2:30 p.m., quiet hour, conducted by Dr. Bratenahl, fering; chairman, Miss Troxell; 3:30 p.m.,

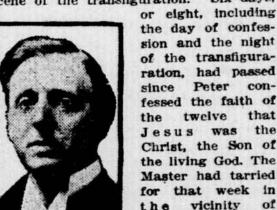


BISHOP MUBRAY.

Light," given in St. John's Parish Hall.

December 6, Friday-2:30 p.m., conference, systematic giving to the united of-"The Value of Prayer in the Woman's fifth session of study classes; 8 p.m., fes-Auxiliary"; 3:30 p.m., third session of tival service in Ascension Church; speak-study classes; 8 p.m., "Japan by Lantern er, the Bishop of Maryland.

range, was in all probability the or eight, including



of the transfiguraration, had passed since Peter confessed the faith of the twelve that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. The Master had tarried for that week in the vicinity Caesarea Phillippi

made the relations between Jesus and the twelve exceedingly difficult. They believed in Him and yet they could not bring their minds to accept the defeat What Tennyson, the poet, wrote in his and disgrace, which seemed to be implied immortal "In Memoriam" concerning his in His conversations about the coming splendent appearance as our Lord Himlost friend David might well have sung events. Peter's superb spiritual insight, is the pledging of their deathless love, a lafter all, had only been partial. The love so soon to die, that marks this story disciples found that the idea of a as a mighty tragedy. Here stand two king- suffering Messiah, when associated were not allowed or even encouraged to today from which to ly men, one heir to Israel's throne by right with sacrifice and shame, was inconsistent with the traditional teachings concerning the Messiah.

the man of rock, as well as that of to provide shelter for the glorified bodies Christ, were heavy, when they turned toward the snow-crowned mountain, that of the mountain, providing a separate resifrom ancient times had been viewed as a dence for each of the three transfigured sacred locality. The only mountain, that persons, was apparently made on the ascould be seen from all parts of the Holy Land, offered to the Master an opportunity for secret prayer in its solitude. Jesus found the serenity of the mountains favorable for communion with the Father, so that He went up into the mountain, as Luke tells us, to pray.

As He was praying, the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His raiment ments became gl.stering, exceeding white. only, who solved for them the scriptural The whiteness was not a dull white, but statements. a gleaming white. An old Syriac version tells us that "His garments shone, white as snow." The evangelists were unable to find words to express in speech the above the sea, is in some respects be-If we seek the cause of the transfiguragestive material that we must pass by,

Primarily the transfiguration, which forms the center of the seven great events an address at the 8 o'clock evening serv- gram. In the evening the pastor will under whose guidance not only the piers in Jesus' earthly life, viz., the birth, the pearance of Elizah was in fulfill ment of the sevening serv- gram. In the evening serv- gram in Jesus' earthly life, viz., the birth, the pearance of Elizah was in fulfill ment of the sevening serv- gram. baptism, the temptation, the transfigurahim, nor did the toilers at the task, but tion, the cruc.fixion, the resurrection and before the advent of Christ. Jesus solved they felt him at every move, they knew the ascension, was for the assurance and their problem by showing them that in comfort of Christ. The preceding week John the Baptist there was the fulfillment had been full of trial. The disciples' re- of the prophecy concerning Elijah. The stands the Divine Designer of such lives, pugnance to accept the whole truth Baptist had sought to recall men to God and the secret of its unselfishness lies in about His earth y career filled His heart and to restore the kingdom, as it had the faithfulness with which the work- with disappointment. The shadow of the been predicted. John had been prevented man carries his great design. GOD cross fills His heart with the longing for by the refusal of the people to turn to HELP US TO LIVE AND SERVE UN- "the glory that was His" before the world Christ, whom he had pointed out as the SELFISHLY; THAT WAY LIES PEACE | was; so He sought in the evening hour an | Messiah. The fate of John, Jesus told opportunity for secret prayer. We fall them, he must suffer to fulfill the other to receive the spiritual strength that we Scriptures that foretold the sufferings of should from the life of Jesus, because the Son of man. we forget that He did not live the life of the Son of God in the world with any on the mountain top that night lasted the coming week to induce men to pedge reliance upon aid that did not come to troughout their life. The message that themselves to attend at least two of the Him as a man working under human con- they heard from the voice that came from

> at every critical hour (and every hour in eternal life. We must follow his practice our lives presents a crisis) in life. Christ's of prayer if we wish to hear the comcry for comfort received a threshold forting acknowledgment from the Father answer that prepared Him for what lay that we are His children. Prayer to God before Him. The revelation of His glory preceded the message from heaven to placed the crown before the cross, enabled "Jesus, who for the joy set be-fore Him endured the cross, despising the glories of the celestial vision. We gelist G. B. Raymond of New York shame," calmly to face Jerusalem, con- must demonstrate by a transformed life plans to answer in his address before fident that the cross was understood by that we have heard the heavenly voice, the Washington Temple congregation (non-sectarian) in New Masonic Temple voice had approved His plan to taste look and see Jesus only, we can lay

The Transfiguration. Mark,

Golden Text - A voice came out of the cloud, saying: "This is my Son, my chosen; hear ye Him." And when the voice came, Jesus was found alone. Luke, 9:35.

by transfiguring the cross with the glory of eternity, demonstrating the reality of Luke alone, gives us any record of their conversation, that has opened up some remarkable fact in history, both of the visitors were recognized, although they appeared in glory, having the same reself. They possessed "celestial bodies, why may not all who die in the Lord? The three disciples who were arouse from their slumber by the conversation

remain in the presence of the glory that restored their faith in the Master's message concerning His life. Peter's preposterous proposal, made evidently because He was unconscious of its significance of Elijah and Moses, as well as Christ, and perpetuate the glorious experience sumption that Elijah would restore all

The impetuous Peter placed Jesus it the same class as Moses and Elliah, which contradicted his confession that Jesus was the Son of the living God. The voice of the Father, that came out of the cloud, corrected the disciple's error by proclaiming for the second time the delty became white and dazzling. Matthew and authority of Jesus, saying, "This is records that "ris face shone as the sun, My beloved Son; hear ye H m." When and His garments became white as the they recovered from their fright long light." Our lesson tells us how Mis gar- enough to look around they saw Jesus

### Solves Scriptural Statements.

The marvelous experiences of that night be silent concerning their experience until upon the mountain, that towers 9,383 feet after His resurrection. They held their peace and told no man in those days any tion we must not overlook the statement other disciples were not prepared to reof Luke that "as he He was praying, the ceive it, and evidently they, a though fashion of His countenance was altered," | their faith . ad been restored by the transbecause it points to the fact that His figuration, did not understand what they glory was from within. The trans- had w.tnessed. If they had told of their cendent character of this epochal event wenderful vision, which produced a wonrequires that in our study we avoid all derful change in them both, as can be speculation and suggestions, attending, as easily seen in the writings of Peter and Bruce advises, to "the humble task for John, and in their Master, the reports explaining briefly its significance for of the transfiguration would have aroused lesus himself, and its lesson for His false hopes among the people. After the disciples." The record is rich in sug- resurrection their testimony would strengthen the faith of those who would while we consider its message of comfort, be prepared by their Master's triumph over the grave to receive the truth requestioned among themselves what the Comfort, Confirmation, Conviction. Ir sing again from the dead should mean proving t at even they must wait for that event to understand it.

The disciples considered that, the apthe prophecy of Malachi, 4:5, and they expressed surprise that he had not come

The convictions that filled the disciples heaven is the one all men ought to hear At every supreme crisis in Jesus' life and heed. The delty of Jesus is the founwe find Him in prayer, which is a nota- dation of our faith in Christ as a perble example to us of the need of prayer sonal Savior, the basis of our hopes for men. When we cry, "God be merciful to aside the sin, take up our cross daily and